

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows.

1. (Amended) A return-side filter for filtering a return fluid in a vehicle transmission, the return-side filter comprising:

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- a pan having a bottom surface;
  - a filter media spaced above the bottom surface and substantially spanning the pan;
  - an inlet operable to initially direct the return fluid below the filter media; and
  - an outlet located above the filter media and operable to release the return fluid, wherein the filter media is operable to filter fluid flowing from the inlet to the outlet.

5. (Amended) A vehicle transmission utilizing a fluid, the vehicle transmission comprising:

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- a sump operable to receive the fluid via a sump inlet;
  - a return-side filter operable to filter at least a return fluid portion of the fluid, the return-side filter including:
    - a pan having a bottom surface;
    - a filter media spaced above the bottom surface and substantially spanning the pan;
    - a return-side inlet coupled with the sump inlet and operable to initially direct the return fluid below the filter media; and
    - an outlet located above the filter media and operable to release the return fluid,
  - wherein the filter media is operable to filter fluid flowing from the return-side inlet to the outlet.